(c) who examined their efficiency and capacity;

(d) who controls their work?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) None.

(b) to (d). These questions do not arise in view of answer to (a).

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:— Do not women in the rural areas under the jurisdiction of the Director of Public Health deliver? Do not they require midwives?

Dr E. S. R. Menon:— I do not think that that is a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— It is for the President to decide whether it is a supplementary question or not.

Mr. President:— It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Has he any Nurses under him?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— It is quite plain from the answer. There are no Nurses.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:— Are there any ladies who do midwifery or nursery under him?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— We have got a few health visitors to do the work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— What are they called?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— They are called Health Visitors and when undergoing training they are called Pupil Health Visitors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— How many are they?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Six, and six under training.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— What are their duties?

Dr. E. S. R Menon:— Their duty is to give advice to expectant mothers and they do conduct cases when they are called on.

Consolidated Allowance—Director of Public Health.

2. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the consolidated allowance given to the Director of Public Health per month;

(2) who else among the Heads of Departments are given such allowance;

(3) what was the reason for this special treatment with regard to the Director of Public Health?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(1). Rs. 125.

(2) The Tramway Engineer.

(3) No special treatment has been accorded by this arrangement.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— With regard to sub-division (3). There are many Heads of Departments and only in the case of two this treatment is accorded. Is this not a special treatment, sir?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— No, Sir. At the time this appointment was made the Government had under consideration certain modifications with regard to the travelling allowance and I think the then Diwan with an eye on these changes fixed this rate.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— So, is this not a special treatment?

Mr. President:— He has said that in his opinion it is not.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Does he not receive the allowance whether he travels or not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— He is a touring officer and his duties will take him all over the State and he has to travel.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Even if he does not travel according to the requirements is he not to receive the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— If he does not travel according to the requirements there are superior officers to take note of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Other officers receive only if they travel. In this case he receives the whole amount whether he travels or not. So, is this not a special treatment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— No, Sir. Every officer has got certain allotted duties and when a fixed travelling allowance is fixed it is fixed on the amount of touring. With regard to this particular one Government have considered all the relevant facts and fixed the rate and if the officer does not act up to the standard expected of him the Government will notice of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— If he is on leave does he not receive this amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— It is only a travelling allowance. So he will not receive it.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:— Has he received this Rs. 125 even when he was on leave?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— No, he could not have drawn.

Mr. President:— You should not say 'could not have drawn'. If you are not sure you say you want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Sir, does this allowance represent the consolidated allowance for travelling or does it represent any other allowance?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— It is a consolidated allowance for travelling alone.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is it anything to cover the cost of travelling?

Mr. President:— That is the meaning of T. A.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— If this allowance is intended to cover the cost of expenses of the officer travelling is it a fact that this officer is using a government car at Government expense ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is this officer given any other allowance ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Not that I remember. I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is any other allowance proposed to be given to this officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I want notice.

Mr. T. A Balarama Ayyar:— Is there any other officer of the category who is receiving a consolidated allowance ?

Mr. President:— There is the answer given there — the Tramway Engineer.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Has it been the custom of the so-called superior to see whether the particular Head of Department has travelled according to the rules ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Certainly.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Has anything of the kind taken place ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes. Heads of Departments submit their Diaries to the Diwan.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Has he made any remarks ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— There are several instances where remarks have been made. I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— Is there any rule or practice existing prescribing the number of days the Head of a Department is required to travel ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I do not think there is any rule.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— May I know approximately the amount which a so-called head of the Department will draw under Travelling Allowance per month ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—It varies from month to month.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— Are there cases in which it exceeds Rs. 100 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— There are.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Does this officer keep a Diary of the tours he makes ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Certainly.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is that Diary submitted to the superior officers ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— It is said that the T. A. has been consolidated to Rs. 125 in respect of certain specific rules that he should travel so many days a month. Now, it is said that there is no specific rule as to how many days he should travel.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The standard is not with regard to the number of days that an officer has to travel. It is with regard to the volume of work he has to turn out.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— For the volume of work he gets his pay. The T. A. is for the tours he undertakes.

Mr. President:— It is for the Government to see that a touring officer sends along with his T. A bill his Diary also.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— At the beginning it was stated that the amount of Rs 125 had been fixed with reference to the extent of travelling that the particular officer is to perform during the month. Later on it was said that there is no specific rule. The two are inconsistent.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:— ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ഏതെങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു് മേലധികാരികൾക്കു് ഇതുപോലെ consolidated allowance കൊടുത്തിരുന്നുവൊ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— What is the special reason that induced the Government to fix a consolidated allowance ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The then Diwan, to the best of my knowledge, had certain ideas about travelling allowance and he fixed it at that rate.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:— Is there any record with regard to that matter ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I do not think there is any record.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:— ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് അലവൻസായി കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന സംഖ്യയും ഇപ്പോൾ ചില ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറധ്യക്ഷന്മാർക്കു കൊടുത്തുവരുന്ന സംഖ്യയും തമ്മിൽ താരതമ്യപ്പെടുത്തി നോക്കിയാൽ ഏതാണ് കൂടുതൽ ആയിരിക്കുക?

Mr. President:— That question has been answered already.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Was it not one of the terms of the appointment of the officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I want notice.

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